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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

The Applicant submits the following abstract on a separate sheet:

-- A method for laser ablation of doped fluorocarbon materials, such as fluorocarbon resins, and article fabrication applications using the laser ablation are disclosed. More specifically, a UV absorbing additive, such as carbon